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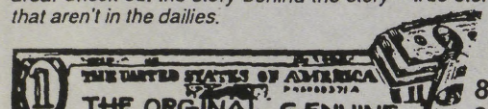

Hela Young, hostess of state lottery, dies

Former Miss Jersey and TV actress succumbs to long illness

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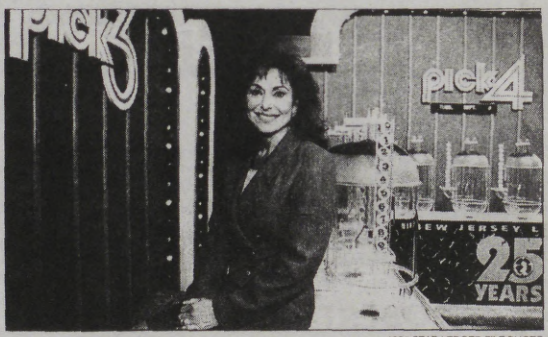
Hela Young, a television hostess for New Jersey Lottery and a former Miss New Jersey, died yesterday after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband and 10-year-old daughter.

Young gave the nightly lottery drawings for 24 years, but stopped in November because of an undisclosed illness, her husband Peter Hochman said

"She loved making people millionaires," Hochman said. "She loved the visibility."



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Hela Young had served as hostess of the New Jersey Lottery for 24 years before stopping in November.

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Mayor Sharpe – What he's done for Newark...

As promised, Mayor James has sent 200 Newark police officers into our neighborhood streets to address drug trafficking and gang violence, and to especially assist schoolchildren who are being intimidated by these individuals. He has produced an 51 percent overall reduction in crime and 60 percent reduction in auto theft. This new neighborhood policing initiative will target those individuals who still disrespect the rights and property of others.

Other good news includes Newark's being designated a renewal community by President Bush, making it one of 39 other cities to share in $17 billion for federal Housing and Urban Development tax incentives for job growth, economic development, and affordable housing in Newark's neighborhoods.

Newark has also won a $35 million Hope VI Grant to create new neighborhoods in the Central Ward. In concert with the construction of a new Central High School, these funds will be used to create new housing, commercial and retail development., and connecting the two JFK Multipurpose Recreation Center buildings for improved recreational services.

He should be deeply proud of these recent awards to Newark. Our new neighborhood police task force will prepare the way for these exciting projects.

- **Home Ownership has increased from 19% to 29%**
- **Newark Housing Authority (NHA) rose from worst to first**
- **Increased recreational and cultural offerings**
- **Created City Wide Mobile Health & Immunization Program**
- **Created a City Wide Nutrition & Cultural Program for Senior Citizens**
- **Started the $75 million Joseph G. Minish Waterfront Project**
- **New Newark Legal Center**
- **New Seton Hall Law School and Newark Center**
- **New Rutgers University Law School**
- **South Ward Industrial park**
- **New Rafael Hernandez Elementary School**
- **New Robert Treat Academy**
- **New Casa Israel Senior Citizens Center**
- **New Newark Science Park Complex**
- **Brought Blue Cross / Blue Shield back to Newark**
- **Brought IDT, MBNA, IHOP, Starbucks, and The Children's Place to Newark**
- **New Train Station to facilities "From the Train to the Plane"**
- **New South Ward Senior Citizens Housing**

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- **Arena for the NJ Nets and the NJ Devils**
- **Home Depot Mall**
- **Newark Rail Link to the Airport**
- **New Central High School**
- **New South Ward Elementary School**

MAYOR JAMES REPORT CARD

- **Newark wins share of 2002 $17 Million Neighborhood Tax Credit Program**
- **Newark just won a 2002 $35 Million Hope VI Neighborhood Grant**
- **Newark receives $10 Million for September 11th Response**
- **Newark receives $9.9 Million for Watershed Conservation Easement**
- **Balanced fifteen consecutive Municipal Budgets (With State Praise)**
- **Three Municipal Bond Rating improvements (With Federal Praise)**
- **Created over 30,000 new jobs**
- **Recruited, trained & graduated a record number of police officers (1,400)**
- **52% reduction in Crime**
- **60% reduction in Auto Theft**
- **Built / Rehabilitated more than 5,000 units of new Housing**

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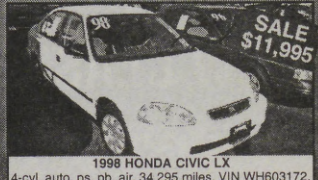

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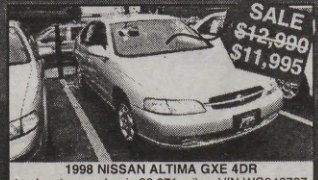

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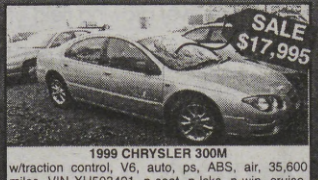

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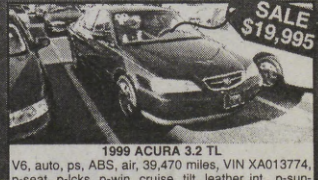

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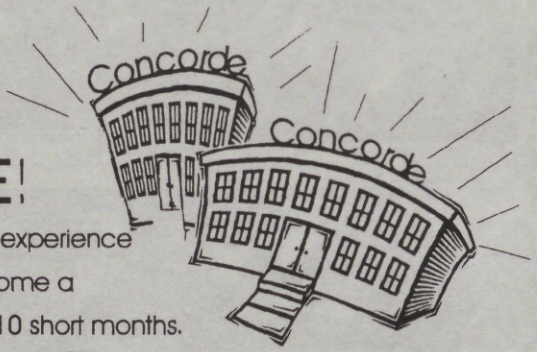

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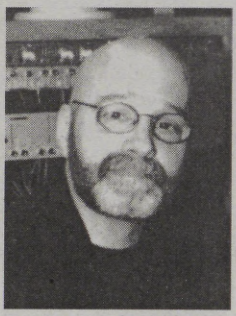

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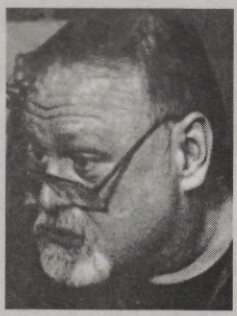

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Strictly JAZZ!

By JOE THOMAS

"Tiny Prince" – "GIANT"

This writer cannot envision writing about jazz without thinking about "Tiny Prince," who has contributed prodigiously to its popularity in Newark and environs.

Interestingly enough, I don't know whether or not he can play an instrument, sing or "scat." Should the answer be: "he can do none of the above," I would say: "he could, should he choose to."

This man has an unfathomable knowledge of jazz: jazz artists and jazz history. He can talk about jazz artists as if he were the artist him/herself. He is so very eloquent when he talks about jazz.

This unassuming, soft spoken gentleman is always a pleasure to talk to and is an impeccable source of information as to the history of Newark, its nightlife and many of its colorful residents. People like "Tiny Prince" are very important, as a matter of fact, they are absolutely essential to jazz and its preservation. Jazz and jazz artists have placed an indelible imprint on the art forms of the world.

Mr. "Tiny Prince," I salute you! I know that all of my fellow jazz artists share my highest regards and deepest respect for you. Knowing you, you will be "laid-back" to the accolades contained in this article, because that's your way. Many GIANTS are like that. That's what makes them "GIANTS." Every word of praise I've written about you is from deep down within and is all true. It is indeed a great honor and privilege to place before a wide audience a quiet man who "Shouts Softly."

'Till the next time
Keep Jazz alive

JOE THOMAS

***JOE THOMAS**, formerly of Newark, is a saxophonist who played with Rhoda Scott and Bill Elliott over the years at places like the Key Club, Sparky J's and Rory's Torch Club.*

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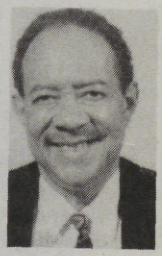
James Spellman Elected Chairman of The Committee of The National Security Safety and Risk Management



Voted by the National Executive Committee of The 100 Black Men of America, Inc., at the President Summit 2001 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Spellman's responsibilities are to develop strategies to raise the awareness of security, safety and risk management that will affect the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Chapters and their families. Mr. Spellman will develop representatives from the East, West, South, North, Central parts of the country and internationally. The Committee will develop liaison networks with insurance companies, security firms, EMT, Hospitals response teams police agencies," local state, federal, and international.

The 100 Black Men of America, Inc., has 94 Chapters Nationally and 5 Internationally. The International Chapter and as follows: two in England, one in Senegal, Africa, one in Jamaica West Indies and one in Nassau, a membership of ten thousand. The idea of 100 Black Men was born in New York City in 1963 and has grown to what it is today.

Many hundreds of beneficiaries whose educational and professional success have been made possible by our member's efforts. Our model is four for the future, through monitoring, scholarships, economic development and health and welfare.

The 100 Black Men of America, Inc., is an organization whose members are dedicated and committed to the intellectual development of the youth we serve, the pursuit of economic empowerment of the African American Community; and whose actions are grounded in the precepts of respect for family, importance of spirituality, quest for justice; promotion of loyalty, honesty and integrity as key ingredients for achieving success.

One of the greatest joys that Mr. Spellman says is mentoring to the youth and to see them progressing. They look to us as fathers and brothers and above all men that can help them.

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A Gala Birthday Celebration

Mayor Sharpe James and wife, Mary accepting a presentation from two adorable youngsters commemorating his birthday...

Birthday greetings from NJ Gov. James E. McGreevey and First Lady Dina McGreevey who came out to greet Mayor Sharpe James during his gala birthday celebration at the Robert Treat Hotel Ballroom. First Lady Dina, says, "the governor's doing just fine getting around on his crutches" and "she expects that he'll be done with them sooner than anticipated."

T'was quite a blast for Mayor Sharpe James' Birthday Celebration!

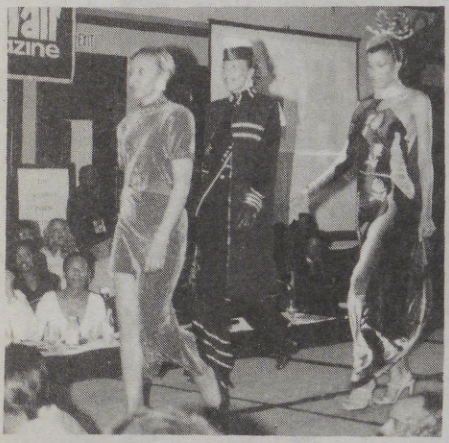
Folks came from everywhere to show their support and give him their congratulations... Sen. Jon Corzine was there, along with Rep. Donald Payne, most of his colleagues from the NJ Assembly, local politicians, many of the Newark City Councilpersons, NHA, was represented, and other city departments. This turned out to be a "Re-Elect Sharpe James for Mayor of Newark, NJ" rally

A Gala
Birthday Celebration
for MAYOR SHARPE JAMES

IN THE NEWS

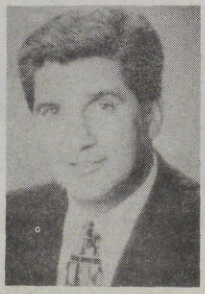
John Blasingame's Fashion Show at the Marriott Hotel

Featured Leo Armstrong, the winner of the National Designers' Competition, along with some very stylish clothes and of course, the man himself, John Blasingame



Democratic Leaders Agree: "LETS GET UNITED BEHIND

JOSEPH N. DiVINCENZO



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FALLING LEAVES

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VINNIE BURKE, 80
One of the most important musicians in New Jersey's jazz history

GLORIA DANIELS, 58
In 2000 she was a recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award, Teacher of the Year twice at McKinley Community School, and at A. Chester Redshaw School. She was a 'teacher who cared.'

TOMMY FLANAGAN, 71
Accompanist and trio leader for Ella Fitzgerald.

DR. DORENZA GERRELL
Founded Christ Temple Unified Baptist Church in Elizabeth. She concurrently served on the dean of the Metropolitan Bible School in Newark.

BLOSSOM HUTCHINS, 70
A 'heavenly' singer. She was a classical and spiritual concert singer who also had a career as a nurse.

REV. FRANK P. ROGERS, 84
Baptist pastor in Newark
He served most recently as staff minister of Promised Land Missionary Baptist Church, Newark. Active in many civic associations on the state and local levels, Rev. Rogers also served as the commissioner of the North Essex Committee of Black Churchmen in Newark, president of the Voice of Ministers Conference of Newark and Vicinity and a board member of the North Jersey District Missionary Association.

WALTER M. SHAW, 76
*t*eacher, businessman who founded the Brothers Motor Club and Brothers Services, both in Newark.

RUFAS THOMAS, 84
Singer, pioneer rhythm-and-blues disc jockey and lifelong goodwill ambassador for the Memphis music scene.

JAMES TUTLER
Worked for Dept. of Neighborhood and Recreational Services – Division of Sanitation

JAMES USRY, 79
Ex-Mayor of Atlantic City in '80s
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Pharmacist, co-owned Petty's Pharmacy

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Diane Johnson's one of the young ladies whose fashion garments were once worn by **Whitney Houston**, has not been seen in Newark for quite some time. Diane also owns a recording studio in Edgewater, NJ named "The Johnsons."... **Calvin West**, considered one of the best-dressed men around, is also a higher-up in the NJ state government (smiles)... Our friend **Shirley** says, "**Haveron Total Health P.A.** (see ad, page 19) in **Harrison** gives excellent service to people who have backaches and other problems... **Hilton Davis** will be present at the *"Remember When" "Ladies' Night Out"* affair at the **Maize** in the **Robert Treat Hotel** on Thursdays from 5 PM until... Have you met **Linda Corrin** of **N.J.I.T.**? She's one of persons who lectures you – smiles... Has anyone seen **Fred Peterson** around? He was once one of the best vocalists in town... T'was a happy B-Day for **Wanda V. Williams** of Newark, who returned from her business trip out west... **Ruth Edison** and **Beverly**, two charming ladies dining at **John's Place** in Newark, say "the food is excellent." They were visting from Philly... **Owen Wilkerson** is still one ot the best writers around in this part of the country... ***The Black Mirror News*** (your own midget newspaper), is looking for **Cheryl Franklin** – call **973 673-1838**, please!... Note: The Churchman family of **Churchman's Funeral Home** is building a new funeral home on Bergen Street near Lyons Avenue in Newark, NJ... Watch for the return of **Top Brass** at the **Maize Resturant** in the **Robert Treat Hotel**. Hotel rates have dropped at the Robert Treat, but not the service... Newark Traffic note: There is one police officer who keeps the bus lanes open in the morning when you're rushing during the morning rush hour – and it's none other than popular **Bobby Horton** of the East Ward – smiles... We would like to have another visit from that Xmodel... **John Blassengame** is the hottest promoter of charming people in the fashion world... check out the fotos of his recent affair in this issue...

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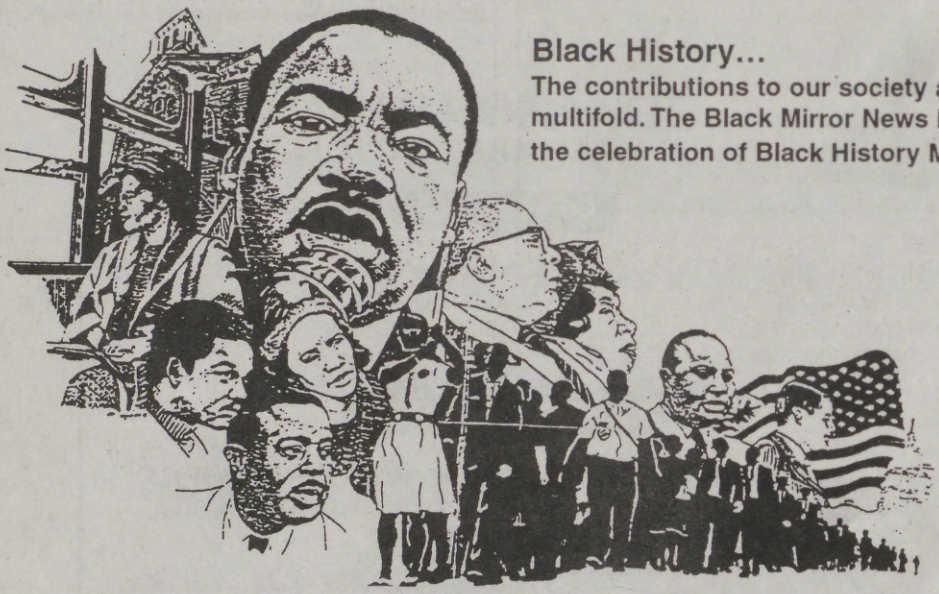

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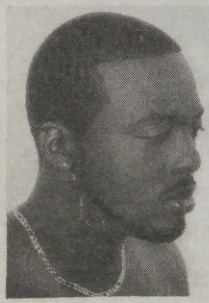

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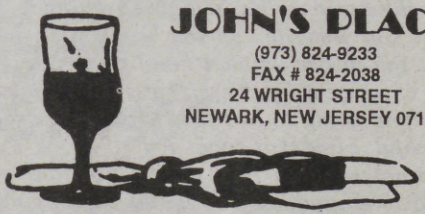

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I cannot tell you how glad I am that you decided to go another day without giving your life and your will to God. I am so glad that you have not changed your way of living. You are mine. Remember, you and I have been going steady for years, and I don't love you yet. As a matter of fact, I HATE YOU BECAUSE I HATE GOD. I'm only using you to get even with God. He kicked me out of heaven and I'm going to use you as long as possible to pay Him back.

You see, God loves you and He has great plans in store for you, but you have yielded your life to me and I'm going to make your life a living hell. That way we'll be together twice.

This will really hurt God. Thanks to you, I'm really showing Him who's boss in your life. With all the good times we have had watching dirty movies, cussing folks out, partying, stealing, lying, hypocriting, fornicating, smoking, drinking, working roots, telling dirty jokes, gossiping, and backstabbing folks. Come on, let's burn together forever. I've got some hot plans for us.

Well, I've gotta go now. I'll be back in a few seconds to tempt you again. If you were smart, you would run somewhere, confess your sins, and live for God with what little bit of life you have left. It's not my nature to warn anyone. But to be your age and still be sinning, is becoming a bit ridiculous.

If you really love me, you will not share this letter.

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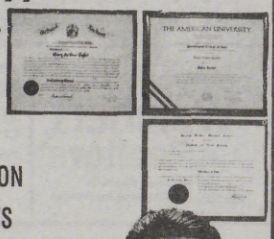

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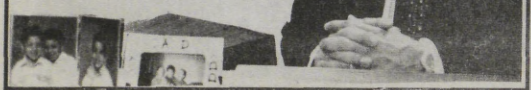

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